

Amendments to the Specification:

After the Title, please delete the paragraph entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:" in its entirety and please substitute the following paragraph:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/153,385 filed on May 22, 2002 by Sherts et al. which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/779,037 filed on August 20, 2001 by Sherts et al. which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/388,716 filed on September 2, 1999 by Sherts et al. which is a division of U.S. Application No. 08/801,052 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,967,973) filed on February 14, 1997 by Sherts et al. which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/717,591 filed on September 26, 1996 by Sherts et al. now abandoned which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/016,325 filed on August 26, 1996. --

On page 7, after the paragraph ending on line 21 please add the following new paragraph:

-- FIG. 42C is a perspective view from below of the heart stabilizer instrument with a suction / irrigation device; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Articulation arm 504 consists of a plurality of link members 518a, 518b, 518c, 518d, each of which has hemispherical convex distal portion 520, cylindrical body portion 522 including peripheral step 523, and concave proximal end 524. Bore 526 extends longitudinally through each link 518 from convex distal portion 520 to concave proximal end 524. Link members 518 are aligned such that convex distal portion 520 is received in concave proximal end 524 in a ball-and-socket type connection to permit a wide range of pivoting motion between adjoining link members 518. Link members 518 are concatenated by cable 516 passing through each bore 526, and the distalmost link member 518a is fitted adjacent frame mount 512. Articulation arm 504 can be used to mount a light cable to illuminate the surgical site, a suction and/or irrigation device 529, a blowing device to disperse blood or any other instrument to facilitate the surgery (See FIG. 42C). --